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Sir—Recently I had the good fortune to receive through a friend of mine a copy of the Weekly Times-Dispatch of February 14th. The marked article intended for my eye was that of Lieutenant John A. Holtzman, of the Fourth Virginia Cavalry.

The writer had the honor of being a member of the First Virginia Cavalry during the war between the States. This regiment was organized by the famous J. E. B. Stuart at Harper's Ferry, Va., the latter part of April, 1861, into a cavalry battalion composed of eight companies. These were the "A," of Frederick county; Company "B," of Berkeley county; "C," of Jefferson county, and "H," of Loudoun county.

The threat of the abolition party of the North to rescue John Brown and his followers from the authority of the State of Virginia, caused the Southern people to feel in jeopardy, and that the many threats that this abolition party had made to dissolve the Union was really in the near future. Hence a great many young men of the South entered military organizations.

Voluntary companies prior to this time had more feature of sociability and entertainment than war in view, so that a young man, to get into these voluntary companies, particularly cavalry, had to be able to furnish good mounts, his own uniform and equipment, and bear his part of any expense that the company might incur from social and entertainment. Thus you will see that these early organized companies were composed of the very best young men of the country, nearly all of them being sons of farmers or large planters, who were used to horse and gun almost from infancy, and it would have been hard to find better material for cavalry service than was found in the State of Virginia in 1861.

A few days after the organization of this battalion of cavalry other companies came in and formed the First Regiment of Virginia Cavalry. And in a few days more followed the "A," of Davidson county; Mississippi, and was added to the only cavalry organization then serving with Joe E. Johnston in Virginia, giving this First Regiment about 1,300 men. Stuart was then commissioned full colonel.

I cite these facts to show the material that was put into the early organization of the Army of Northern Virginia. The rule that held in cavalry also held in infantry and artillery companies to a great degree.

However, the first young men of the cavalry branch of the service to assemble here had been first in the line of the war, and were further at Gettysburg, and fired the last shot, makes those who know the facts regret that North Carolina, who did so well her part during the war, would set up any such claims.

It is a fact that cannot be denied, as stated in the article of Lieutenant Holtzman, that the gallant Major was killed at Fairfax Courthouse on the 1st of June. The skirmish at Phillip's, Va., occurred June 24 between troops under Colonel Porterfield, in command of the Confederates, and Colonel B. E. Kelley, commanding the Federalists. In this skirmish John Brown Wynant was killed. This young man belonged to a cavalry company, and was killed within a half mile of the writer, and with whom he was very intimate. At the time the people of the community considered that young man was the first man killed during the war in Virginia, while the battle of Big Bethel, in which North Carolina troops were first engaged in war, was fought on the 10th. Not only that, but before the 10th, one Private George Funkhouser, Company I, First Virginia Cavalry, was picked off by Federalists near Harper's Ferry, when three Yankees approached his picket post, where he was stationed in some bushes on the side of the road. Funkhouser, as all of us were green in the art of war, his only equipment was an old iron sabre and a flintlock holster pistol that some of his forebears had used in a former war. When the Yankees came pretty close to Funkhouser, he attempted to fire on them with his old flintlock pistol, but it missed fire. He filled the pan with powder and tried

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Please let me have reply to these queries in your Sunday's issue: What building was used for Richmond Light Infantry Blues headquarters in 1862?

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The headquarters of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues from 1862 to 1864 (November) were in the building at the northwest corner of Cary and Eleventh streets, formerly known as the Snyder building. The Blues occupied the third floor, the entrance to which was from the alley between Main and Cary streets.

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Execution of Pirates.

Please give account of (rnl. etc. of pirates executed in Richmond.

Respectfully, W. F. H.

The men were Pepe, otherwise Jose Hilario Casares; Courro, otherwise Joseph Miranda, and Felix Barbio. They were tried before Chief Justice Marshall, beginning July 11th, 1827, for two indictments for murder and two for piracy committed June 1, 1827. "On the vessel Crawford, Captain Henry Brighman. The men engaged Gustavus Schmidt as counsel, and the court assigned Ben. Watkins Leigh to assist. Felix is commonly referred to as 'Don Felix,' but in the court record all the men are described as labourers. The foregoing information has been published repeatedly in this paper during the last two or three weeks.

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